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1. The power plant of the Electrochemical Combine in Bitterfeld (M 52/B 14) has a steam generating installation with 11,200 boiler tubes. The boiler tubes are in a very bad condition as no replacements have been made for 10 years. There are only 27 reserve boiler tubes in the plant.
2. The boiler tubes, supplied by Czechoslovakia, were not strong enough to stand the pressures and the high temperature. Therefore, the power plant has to rely on boiler tube imports from eastern Germany or other western countries in order to make urgent repairs or the necessary replacements.
3. The plant contacted the Escher Wyss Turbine Factory for the purchase of new turbine blades. The performance of the power plant will probably be considerably reduced in a comparatively short time if imports are not obtained from western countries. The same boiler tube shortage also exists in the Leuna (M 52/B 91), Schkopau (M 52/D 91), Nachterstedt (M 52/D 46) and Deuben (M 52/K 08) power plants and in the Wolfen (M 52/B 14) Film and Dye Factory. \*

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\*  Comment: The Escher Wyss Plant is probably the Escher Wyss Machine Factory G.m.b.H. in Ravensburg (L 48/X 41), Swabia. The production of this plant includes water and steam turbines, pumps and compressors. The Nitrogen Plant in Leuna, the Duna Plant in Schkopau, the Low Temperature Distillation Plants in Nachterstedt and Deuben, and the Film and Dye Factory in Wolfen, as well as the Electrochemical Combine in Bitterfeld, are all SAG plants. These plants produce motor fuel, synthetic rubber (Duna), and chemicals required in the armament industry.

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Comment: The above-mentioned Escher Wyss plant might also be the Escher Wyss Aktiengesellschaft, Zurich, Switzerland, which manufactures turbines.

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